

HAMPTON BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 8, 2012

Budget Committee Members Present

Eileen Latimer, Chairman
Mary-Louise Woolsey, Vice-Chairman
Ben Moore, Selectman Representative
Maureen Buckley, Precinct Representative
Pat Collins
Victor DeMarco
Richard Desrosiers
Joe Grzybowski
Brian Lapham
Mark McFarlin
Sandra Nickerson
Michael Plouffe
Diandra Sanphy

Excused

Richard Reniere

Chairman Latimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Latimer welcomed Victor DeMarco as a new member of the Committee.

Members of the Committee gave self-introductions.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to approve the Minutes of October 30, 2012 as amended.

Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 2 abstentions (DeMarco, Sanphy). Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chairman Latimer welcomed Jamie Sullivan, Chief of the Hampton Police Department.

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Plouffe, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$3,819,346 for the Police Department.

Chief Sullivan said his department is looking to purchase four new vehicles this year. They also want to institute a new pilot program for special officers. The special ranks are as low

as they have ever been. The number is approximately 28 officers. Recruitment is beginning now for officers who will attend the academy from January to May and then go on to the department's own training program. The hope is to repeat this cycle in the summer. This new group will begin to benefit the Town in 2014. Chief Sullivan said the mounted patrol is back in the operating budget.

Ms. Sanphy said overtime wages continue to increase and asked if that would be overcome by hiring more staff. Chief Sullivan said this is basically related to detectives and would not change the overtime.

Ms. Nickerson asked if there was anything taken out of the Chief's budget that he would like to have this year. Chief Sullivan said moving forward on full-time ranks is still an issue. This was removed by the Board of Selectmen, but going forward there will be more discussions.

Ms. Nickerson asked how many full-time officer additions are needed. Chief Sullivan said he would like six over a period of time.

Mr. Lapham asked about vehicle maintenance. Said he estimated it at around \$51,000. Chief Sullivan said that is correct. Mr. Lapham asked if any of the maintenance is done in-house. Chief Sullivan said not at this time, but there are some discussions being held with DPW regarding this possibility.

Mr. Lapham asked about grants. Chief Sullivan said they are always pursuing possible grants.

Ms. Woolsey asked about the cars to be purchased. Chief Sullivan said the Crown Victoria is discontinued. After much testing, etc. it was decided that the Ford Utility is the most efficient vehicle. One has been purchased. They have also gone to a black and white color scheme. Ms. Woolsey said this was a very nice budget and congratulated Chief Sullivan.

Mr. DeMarco said he would have to abstain from this vote due to the fact that his son is in the training process. Mr. DeMarco asked about weapons and vests. Chief Sullivan said replacements are being made in both of these areas.

Ms. Nickerson asked if the department was still doing the DARE program in the schools. Chief Sullivan said they were not, but were helping out with other curriculum.

Chairman Latimer asked the Chief if he was comfortable with the budget as it now stands. Chief Sullivan said he was and that conversations should continue into next year on the amount removed by the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: 12 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (DeMarco). Motion passed.

Animal Control

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Ms. Nickerson, to move forward to the Public Hearing the amount of \$56,770 for Animal Control.

Chief Sullivan said the Animal Control Officer has done a very good job.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Latimer said the LGC is sending an attorney to speak to the public at the School Board's request. This meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, November 14th, at Hampton Academy. This meeting conflicts with the next Budget Committee meeting, but will be recorded for later viewing.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 14, 2012, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Fire Department budget will be addressed.

Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Woolsey, seconded by Mr. Lapham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Vote: 13 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary